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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION CAIRO, JIDDA, KUWAIT, ABU DHABI,
MANAMA, SANAA, TUNIS, TRIPOLI INFO TEL AVIV, ALGIERS,
KHARTOUM, AMMAN, FROM SECSTATE MAR 8.

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SUBJ: PLO/ FATAH CONNECTION WITH KHARTOUM EVENTS

KUWAIT PASS DOHA AND MUSCAT

1. WE BELIEVE REFTEL PROVIDES EXCELLENT ANALYSIS OF CLOSE
LINKS BETWEEN PLO FATAH AND BSO IN RECENT EVENTS IN
KHARTOUM. IT SUPPORTED BY PRESS STATEMENTS NOW COMING
FROM SUDAN. MARCH 6 ARTICLE IN WASHINGTON POST REPORTS
SUDAN' S MINISTER OF INFORMATION OMAR HAJ MUSSA AS CONFIRM-
ING FOR FIRST TIME THAT:

A) FATAH GUERRILLA CHIEF ARAFAT PLAYED IMPORTANT ROLE IN
GETTING BSO GROUP TO SURRENDER;

B) LEADER OF BSO GROUP POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED AS YOUTHFUL
PALESTINIAN RADIO COMMENTATOR WORKING FOR RADIO
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OMDURMAN KNOWN ALTERNATIVELY AS ABU SALIM OR ABU RIZIK
WHO WAS ALSO NUMBER TWO MAN IN KHARTOUM FATAH OFFICE; AND

C) ANOTHER FATAH OPERATOR IDENTIFIED THUS FAR ONLY AS KARAM
WAS AMONG EIGHT WHO SURRENDERED AND THAT KARAM HAD HELPED
AT LEAST SIX PALESTINIANS TRAVELING ON JORDANIAN PASS-
PORTS TO ENTER SUDAN LAST WEDNESDAY.

2. PRESIDENT NUMAIRI' S ADDRESS ON MARCH 6 ALSO POINTS
FINGER AT FATAH NOTING THAT FATAH HEAD IN KHARTOUM DID
PLANNING, LEFT SUDAN FOR TRIPOLI JUST PRIOR TO SEIZURE
SAUDI EMBASSY, AND THAT JEEP USED IN BSO ATTACK BELONGED
TO LOCAL FATAH OFFICE IN KHARTOUM. (KHARTOUM' S 459).

3. ACTION POSTS ARE REQUESTED, IF THEY DEEM IT USEFUL, TO
FURNISH THIS BACKGROUND INFORMATION TO APPROPRIATE OFFI-
CIALS. IN MAKING PRESENTATION, SHOULD INDICATE THAT WE
CANNOT ACCEPT STATEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN USED BY FATAH IN
BEIRUT THAT " IT HAS NO CONNECTION AT ALL WITH THIS
(KHARTOUM) OPERATION." ROGERS

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